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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-26 and 28-32 remain in this application. Claims 5, 27, 32 have been canceled. Claims 1,8,12,13,14,20,21,28 and 29 have been amended.

Claim Rejections to independent Claim 1 and dependent claims 2 through 13

The Office Action rejected claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,548,634 to Gahang et al. (the Gahang reference). However, the Gahang reference fails to disclose all the elements of the claims as required under 25 U.S.C. 102, and so the rejection is not supported by the art and should be withdrawn.

Independent Claim 1 states, "a network based database including a table of stored alphanumeric speed dialing codes and stored phone numbers; a network based controller, coupled to said database, capable of receiving an alphanumeric speed dialing code from a calling party and further capable of comparing the received alphanumeric speed dialing code to the stored alphanumeric speed dialing codes and if there is a match then enabling a connection between the calling party and a called party at the stored phone number associated with the received alphanumeric speed dialing code; and wherein the alphanumeric speed dialing service is activated by the network in response to receiving a remote feature access code."

The Gahang reference fails to disclose, *inter alia*, the element of claim 1 of, "wherein the alphanumeric speed dialing service is activated by the network in response to receiving a remote feature access code." The Gahang reference states that the Figs. 4A and 4B are implemented in a facsimile machine or high performance telephone at column 6, lines 50 through 55. The summary of the invention also describes the alphanumeric registration method and device is to be used for speed dialing in a facsimile machine or high performance telephone, e.g. at column 2, lines 60 through 64. Thus, the Gahang reference only describes that the alphanumeric registration method is localized within a telephone or fax machine and fails to describe activating an alphanumeric speed dialing service by a network in response to receiving a remote feature access code.

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Rejections of independent Claim 14 and dependent claims 15 through 19

The Office Action rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by the Mitsubishi reference, Ericsson reference, the SANYO reference or the CLARION reference. However, none of the above cited references disclose all the elements of the claims as required under 25 U.S.C. 102, and so the rejection is not supported by the art and should be withdrawn.

Claim 14 states, "providing the alphanumeric speed dialing network based service with a plurality of alphanumeric speed dialing codes and a plurality of phone numbers which are associated with potential called parties for storing in a network database; inputting an alphanumeric speed dialing code to a telephone; and providing the alphanumeric speed dialing code to a network, wherein the network compares the received alphanumeric speed dialing code to the network database to determine an associated phone number and initiates a connection therewith."

None of the references describe the alphanumeric speed dialing network based service as recited in claim 14. The Mitsubishi reference describes traditional speed dialing on page 5 by entering a memory address number from 01 to 99 as a feature of the AH-350 telephone. The Ericsson reference clearly describes that its 10 character alphanumeric name tags is a feature implemented within the personal telephone. Similarly, the SANYO reference describes that its number speed dialing feature is implemented within the telephone. Finally, as to the CLARION reference, it also describes that its 100 speed dial memories are features of the cellular phone. Thus, none of the references describe all the elements of the claims as required under 35 U.S.C. 102.

Independent Claim 20 and dependent claims 21 through 28

The Office Action rejected claims 20 through 28 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by the Gahang reference. However, the Gahang reference fails to disclose all the elements of the claims as required under 25 U.S.C. 102, and so the rejection is not supported by the art and should be withdrawn.

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Claim 20 requires, "receiving, from the calling party, a plurality of alphanumeric speed dialing codes and a plurality of phone numbers of potential called parties; storing the plurality of alphanumeric speed dialing codes and the plurality of phone numbers of the potential called parties in a network database; receiving an alphanumeric speed dialing code from the calling party from any telephone connected to the network; comparing the received alphanumeric speed dialing code to the stored alphanumeric speed dialing codes; and if there is a match between the received alphanumeric speed dialing code and one of the stored alphanumeric speed dialing codes, enabling a connection between the calling party and a called party at the stored phone number associated with the received alphanumeric speed dialing code."

The Gahang reference fails to disclose, *inter alia*, the elements of claim 20 of, "storing a plurality of alphanumeric speed dialing codes and the plurality of phone numbers of the potential called parties in a network database; and receiving an alphanumeric speed dialing code from the calling party from any telephone connected to the network." The Gahang reference states that the memories in Figs. 4A and 4B are implemented in a facsimile machine or high performance telephone at column 6, lines 50 through 55. The summary of the invention also describes that the alphanumeric registration method and device is used for speed dialing in a facsimile machine or high performance telephone, e.g. at column 2, lines 60 through 64. Thus, the Gahang reference only describes that the alphanumeric registration method is localized within a telephone or fax machine and fails to describe the elements of claim 20 of a network based database.

Independent Claim 29 and dependent claims 30 through 33

The Office Action rejected claims 29 through 33 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by the Gahang reference. However, the Gahang reference fails to disclose all the elements of the claims as required under 25 U.S.C. 102, and so the rejection is not supported by the art and should be withdrawn.

Claim 29 states, "a database including a table of stored alphanumeric speed dialing codes and stored phone numbers; and a controller, coupled to said database, capable of receiving an

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alphanumeric speed dialing code from a calling party and further capable of comparing the received alphanumeric speed dialing code to the stored alphanumeric speed dialing codes and if there is a match then enabling a connection between the calling party and a called party at the stored phone number associated with the received alphanumeric speed dialing code; and wherein said calling party provides one feature access code along with the alphanumeric speed dialing code to initiate the alphanumeric speed dialing service and said calling party provides another feature access code along with the numerical speed dialing code to initiate the numerical speed dialing service.”

The Gahang reference fails to disclose, *inter alia*, the element of claim 29 of, “wherein said calling party provides one feature access code along with the alphanumeric speed dialing code to initiate the alphanumeric speed dialing service and said calling party provides another feature access code along with the numerical speed dialing code to initiate the numerical speed dialing service.” The Gahang reference nowhere describes having two types of speed dialing services - an alphanumeric speed dialing service and a numerical speed dialing service. It nowhere describes having different feature access codes to initiate the different type of services. Thus, it fails to describe each element required by claim 29.


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For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Jessica Smith at (972) 477-9109.

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